

Editorial

The Chatham Chatter announces its unconditional support of Edwin Eldredge for re-election as a Selectman of Chatham. His administration has marked great improvement of the welfare of the citizens of Chatham.

Community Tree

The community Christmas Tree was a glorious sight all alight during the Christmas celebration Thursday, December 23, 1937. The Band played numerous Christmas Carols. Harry Albo as Santa Claus arrived in a Ford VS with oranges and candy in the back seat. He distributed them among the waiting children.

President Lights Nations' Christmas Tree.

The U.S. Marine Band played three songs until the President arrived. Then they played Hail to the Chief, while the crowd cheered. Then the President lighted the Christmas Tree while the lights of the cameramen made a miniature Fourth of July. The President spoke to the silence of the crowd. The U.S. Marine Band played Hail to the Chief again and the crowd continued to cheer.

by Alice B. Gilbert

Believe it or not

Rome was almost conquered by the Gauls.

"The Citizen Thinks" Interview

In an Interview with Mr. Harry Wilson your reporter learned the following: When asked what he thought the rest of the seven thousand WPA sidewalk appropriation should be used for, Mr. Wilson replied that he thought Oyster Pond road needed a sidewalk, and so did Queen Anne Pond.

The Panay

On the Yangtse River there were three Standard Oil Tankers protected by the gunboat Panay. One day the Panay went up the river from Nanking. In command of the gunboat was Lieut. Commander Hughes, he had gone 15 miles when he sighted a Japanese airplane. The next moment he was on the deck almost unconscious with a broken leg. Then the 2nd command was wounded, then the 3rd became wounded.

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Chatham of Today and Yesterday.

By a Friend.

Many now here, can note the vast change between the Chatham of today, and the Chatham of yesterday. The modernization of the homes and town, has caused the quaintness of yesterday to fade away. Many now begin to appreciate what a wonderful place this is to spend the evening of life. Let us bring back some of the peculiar things of yesterday. The old Cape Cod home, large house with many rooms, very small, as compared with those of today. A door on all sides except the north. This condition due to the heavy gales prevailing in fall and spring, and to have an opening on the lee side at all times.

Most of the oldest homes built by commanders of clipper ships, which continued on page 4

Chatham Receives WPA Appropriation

The town of Chatham received recently a Seven Thousand Dollar WPA appropriation for the erection of sidewalks. Work is already going full blast on Cedar Street the first street to get an appropriation, where Horace Blount was killed last year. The Chatham Chatter has always supported the drive for sidewalks. We compliment the Selectmen of Chatham on getting this appropriation.

"The Chatham Chatter Announces New Rates"

Last year The Chatham Chatter did not even pay for itself on the subscription rates. The Editors feel that it is only justified to raise the subscription rates. Here they are. Chatham 20¢ Out of Town 40¢

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To a Loyal Supporter

The Editors of the
Chatham Chatter dedicate
this issue to a loyal
friend and supporter,
Elizabeth G. Evens who
passed away December 12th
1937. Always ready with
encouragement, she helped
the Editors greatly with
advice in the early issues.
Why you should Boycott
Japan

The main reason why you
should boycott Japan is
because of the inhuman
warfare which she is now
waging in China. The
United States takes 97%
of Japan's silk exports.
If the women of the U.S.
boycott Japan it would
take millions from Japan's
war machines. The case
is in your hands either
you may boycott Japan and
save thousands of innocent
Chinese lives and at least
a part of the Chinese Re-
public, or you may not
and Japan will be free to
go on with her inhuman
warfare.

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OUR WASHINGTON "COLYMA"
By Dear Old Uncle Oscar

Well, folks, "Quantity
not quality," that's my
motto. So here goes.
Now that Congress has
solved all the problems
of the universe, we
can whistle again. But
the best tune seems to be
"In the Good Old Summer
Time", because politics
has been so hot around
here that we haven't seen
a single snowflake yet
this winter. The old-
fashioned "white Christ-
mas" is out of style.
With all the new radio
gadgets there won't be any
privacy left pretty soon.
Now they have a little
speaking affair to put
under your pillow when you
go to bed. This, together
with Vice-President Garner's
threat to put Congress "on
the air", means no more
rest for the weary.

And the fellow who invented
television is going to have
to do a lot of explaining.
Imagine answering the tele-
phone in your dress suit and
having a lady on the other
end of the wire, out in
Nebrasky, tell you to strai-
ghten out your tie. Or im-
agine the dignified editor
of this astounding journal
saying "hello" to his Aunt
Elizabeth out in Wisconsin,
and having her tell him to
go wash his face. There's
bound to be trouble from
now on. Eh, Frank?

The lawyers around here are
fightin' mad. They used to
be able to string their
cases out for years n' years
but now the Supreme Court is
"up to the minute" with its
calender, they have to make
even their briefs brief.
Yep, them's my sentiments!
"Quantity not quality".

WATCH FOR UNCLE OSCAR
WHEN THE CHATTER CHATS AGAIN

New Year's Issue

In the Land of Books
Recommended by Katherine
MacCarthy.

For small children:
"Sulin" by Ruth A.
Waving and Helen Wells
Rand McNally 1937 80¢
"Manners Can Be Fun"
by Munro Leaf. Stokes
\$1.25 1936

For Children Under Twelve
"Game of Skiing": a
book for beginners.
By Alan H. D'egville
Longmans. 1937 \$2.
"Children of the White
House" by Francis Cava-
nah. Rand 1937 50¢
"No Other White Men" by
Julie Davis Dutton
1937 \$2. (Story of the
Lewis and Clark expedi-
tion)

For Grown-Ups:
"Divided We Stand" The
crisis of Frontierless
Democracy. By Walter
Prescott Webb, Farrar
& Rhinhard & Inc. \$2.50
1937

"Road to Happiness" by
Charles Gray Shaw. Mc-
Leod 1937 \$2.75
"Island of Bali" by
Miguel Covarrubias.
Knopf 1937 \$5.

"Young Henry of Navarre"
by Heinrich Mann Knopf
1937 \$5.

"Lucie Duff Gordon in
England, South Africa
and Egypt" Musson 1937
\$4. It is about a fas-
cinating woman who was
portrayed in Meredith's
novels, and who probabl
knew the people of
Egypt better than any
European woman of that
time of this.

Believe it or not.
Rome was built on seven
hills.

"Captain Smith Says"

Believe it or not
Meade was the hero
of Gettysburgh, not
Grant as some people
think.

Believe it or not
Cincinnati was dic-
tator of Rome for five
days when he was eighty.
Believe it or not there
has been only one bach-
elor president, Martin
Van Buren.

The First Four Presidents
of the United States.
By Frank B. Gilbert

At the end of the Revolu-
tionary war, George Wash-
ington became president
of the United States. He
had to work very hard to bring
about the beginning of the
United States as a nation.
Then he had two terms, from
1789-97.

Then came John Adams. In
his one term, he did not do
too much - he had aided Amer-
ica before but as President
was not very good.

Jefferson was the third Pres-
ident. He had aided in Wash-
ington's cabinet. He had two
terms 1801-09. In these terms
he helped to enlarge the U.S.
by the purchase of Louisiana.
Madison became the fourth
president. He had to deal
in the War of 1812. In this
war Andrew Jackson distinguish-
ed himself at the Battle of
New Orleans. The war was
ended by a treaty which gave
freedom to American ships on
the sea.

Miscellaneous

Edited by Alice Gilbert
"It doesn't pay to be
lazy"

You know in England it
is very foggy. Well,
whenever a man was
late he would write on
a little card disabled
on account of fog, and
the boss would excuse
him. All the men that
came in after him would
put ditto marks. One
day a man's wife had
twins. So he put down
wife had twins. Then
all the men that came
after him put ditto
marks, because they
thought it said disabled
on account of fog. So
that everybody in the
office had twins though
they didn't know it.

Riddles

What is it that goes
through the woods, and
through the woods? A
penny in a man's pocket.

What is it that has arms,
a tail, a neck and no
head? A shirt.

What is it that wags its
tail when sleeps, has
three legs, and walks
backwards? If I didn't
know I wouldn't be ask-
ing you.

Part means grab, part
means she, both make a
king in history. Caesar.

Though it has no voice, it
sings, though it flies, it
has no wings. An arrow.

If a serpent schooling ever
comes, what snake will do
the quickest sums. An
adder.

Marine News

Edited by Ellen Fuller

From Stage Harbor,
Chatham, the last
accounts on the Cata-
bouts are: six new
catabouts are under
way at Spaulding Dun-
bar's sail loft.
Spaulding is no longer
connected with the
Cape Cod Ship Building
Corporation. The
Monomoy Yacht Club has
built it's clubhouse
directly over Stage
Harbor Yacht Club which
makes it look very
little. December 20th
a Stage Harbor bulleti-
n came out and is very
amusing. Horace
Reynolds is now in
possession of Mr.
Neincke's "Green Ghost"
Horace Reynolds' father
was the first maker
of the first six cat-
abouts. We all hope
that some more cata-
bouts will be under way
soon.

Reserve Organized
by Samuel Freedman
United States Naval
Communication Reserve,
better known as the
Chatham Naval Reserve
Unit has been augmented
by several new enlist-
ments. This Fall the
mission of this Reserve
Unit is common with
similar units located
all over the United
States, is to procure
and train the officers
and men necessary to
man the naval communi-
cation services in the
event of a national
emergency. Of
nearly 5000 men in the
nation as a whole, 61
are now on Cape Cod and
ten of them in Chatham
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The Chatham of Today and Yesterday.

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sailed the seven seas. The large fishing industry of yesterday is almost a past occupation in Chatham.

The old for and aft sailing vessel, rigged with boom and gaff sails, gaff topsail and topmast, staysails, which caused so much excitement racing in the reef breeze to market for the highest price and a remembrance of yesterday. The old windmill so popular on the Cape, for grinding corn; the water windmill for pumping water in co-operation to within the past five years.

The sun curing of salted cod, which made the Cape so famous.

The old horse railway, and shipyard, the wire rigging shiping loft all past but not forgotten by the men behind the wheel.

The shifting shoals that cause the outline of the town, and Cape, to change so much with every gale.

The sandy beach today, where a ship channel deep enough for a clipper ship float was yesterday.

Three times the Chatham light has been moved inland due to aforesaid cause. The old town crier ringing his bell and calling out the news of the day. The oil skin suit, the rubber boots, and sou'wester. So much worn by the men of the sea, All now rarely seen in our town of today.

**RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS END
WITH THIS ISSUE**

The Panay

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They decided to take all the wounded off the boat. Hughes refused but was carried off anyway. A little later all came off and hid in the rushes with the others. The gunboat Panay was sunk. A Chinese led them to a nearby village.

The Standard Oil Tankers were sunk too - not much is known about this.

About 2 weeks later Hughes gave a report on the sinking of the Panay. A few days later they decided to bring up the gunboat and see whether it had been sunk by machine gun bullets. They made many requests to Japanese to leave alone all American boats. On the Panay were 2 new painted American flags. So the Japanese could make no excuses.
by Frank B. Gilbert

Reserve Organized
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Units. These men in turn own approximately 4000 active amateur radio stations, available for service in any emergency.

This Unit is the first in this section (Southeastern Mass.) to advance into the infantry drilling stage. The men are now being provided with full uniform equipment and minor items of ordinance. Ensign Samuel Freedman, USNR of Chatham, is the Commander of Unit Five in addition to his duties as Operations Officer for Chatham, and other Cape Towns. Before the winter is over, the Unit Com predicts that Unit Five will warrant the public's eye in any parade or line of march.

Three Chatham Personalities:

The Editors of The Chatham Chatter feel that at this season of the year they should mention 3 persons who have passed on. Each of whom have in their own way, small or large, contributed to making the town of Chatham so attractive a place.

The first is Heman A. Harding who died the summer before last - for many years he was the town's only lawyer. During that time he took care of the legal work of the town also. As Town Counsel and one of its leading citizens, he helped shape in great measure its political policies. His death, for a time, gave Chatham the unique distinction in the days of overcrowding in all professions, of being perhaps the only town with a population of several thousand without a lawyer. This condition has been remedied by an influx of two lawyers.

Harry Smith:

The death of Harry Smith this Fall has left Chatham without a merchant tailor. He conducted a tailoring shop at Cross and Main Sts. His sign had a special appeal to New Yorkers, for he described himself as Fifth Ave. Tailor, whatever that might mean. He was a conscientious working man.

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"Deep Sea Soundings"
An accomplishment.
by Louis B. Gilbert

The restriction of billboards on Cape Cod was one of the early editorial policies of the Chatham Chatter. We wish to compliment the Selectmen of the different Cape Towns on their joint action in restricting billboards which shows that future advantages lay in cooperation by the Cape Townships. Crowds Pack Interstate on Bank Night.

Crowds pack Chatham's Interstate Theatre to see "Thank you, Mr. Moto" and Bank Night. Mr. Lake was the lucky man and received \$125. The Interstate has proved that a Theatre can function in Chatham in the winter. The Chatham Chatter Published in Chatham, Mass. affiliated with the National Amateur Press Association. Subscription rates: Chatham 20¢ Out of Town 40¢ Foreign 50¢ Single issues 3¢ all subscriptions end this issue. Renew your subscription now. In accordance with suggestions The Chatham Chatter plans to get a mimeograph which will make our issues more readable.

Biggest Snow This Season Hits Cape

Cape Codders awoke New Year's morning to find their doorsteps and yards white with about two inches of snow. Unlike most snows this season it shows signs of staying. Many people are afraid that it may freeze causing a dangerous obstacle of autos.

The Chatham Chatter hopes you have had a Merry Christmas and wishes you a Happy New Year.

Three Chatham Personalities continued from p. 4

This is perhaps best shown by an incident reported to the Editors when one of the town's distinguished summer visitors was so pleased with a repair and cleaning job he did on a suit of clothes that he thrilled Harry Smith to the bone by making a personal call on him and congratulating him and expressing his appreciation.

George Perry:

George Perry died several years ago, was not a native of Chatham, but came here for his health at about fifty. He was a sturdy man of 65 when we first met him—a fine set of teeth, a pair of very muscular hands and arms, florid complexion and fairly radiated health, and perfect physical condition. He was a machinist by trade and had the most extraordinary looking repair shop made from scraps. His peculiar contribution to the town lay-----

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The Chatham Chatter wishes to thank Mr. John Mac Donald for advice.

The Editors of the Chatham Chatter would like to know whether the readers would like an amateur journalism column.

In that he was the town's self constituted unofficial welcome at its choice sight-seeing spot, the former Twin Lights, the present single light. On any bright day when visitors were likely to assemble at this spot, you would see George Perry with his bag of maps for distribution giving information, about Chatham and telling one of his many stories about ship disasters and rescues at sea.

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